

The Rigorous's thesis *Czech Political Parties and the European Union between 1996 and 2009* presents how the Czech political parties (ODS, CSSD, KSCM and KDU-CSL) perceived the European Union and the role of the Czech Republic in the EU in the given period. The thesis departs from both basic constructivist principles and the concept of polity ideas. Further, it presents four ideal types of political system: *Federal State*, *Intergovernmental Cooperation*, *Economic Community* and *Network*. Then, looking at the individual political parties' perspective on selected components of polity ideas the thesis assigns the political parties to the ideal types.